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VIENNA FOR RPO

1. ON MAY 13, IN A TRADITIONAL AND COLORFUL ACADEMIC CEREMONY, NOBEL PRIZE WINNING AMERICAN PHYSICIST CHEN NING YANG WAS AWARDED THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR HONORIS CAUSA BY WROCLAW UNIVERSITY. DR. YANG IS CURRENTLY IN POLAND UNDER THE PRESTIGIOUS LINCOLN LECTURER PROGRAM SPONSORED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

2. PROF. YANG, WHO WAS BORN 52 YEARS AGO IN CHINA BUT WHO HAS SPENT HIS ENTIRE ACADEMIC CAREER IN THE UNITED STATES, IS CURRENTLY EINSTEIN PROFESSOR AND HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THEORETICAL PHYSICS AT THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK AT STONY BROOK. HE WORKED CLOSELY WITH FAMED NUCLEAR PHYSICIST ENRICO FERMI AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO IN THE 1940'S AND RECEIVED HIS COVETED NOBEL PRIZE IN PHYSICS IN 1957 WHILE AT PRINCETON UNIVERSITY.

3. DR. YANG IS ALSO NO STRANGER TO WROCLAWIWHERE HE VISITED, LECTURED AND WORKED WITH POLISH COLLEAGUES

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IN 1970. HE IS IN ADDITON CORR DINATOR OF AN

EXCHANGE PROGRAM IN PHYSICS BETWEEN STONY BROOK AND WROCLAW UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE US NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION. CITING THIS PROGRAM AND ANOTHER EXCHANGES AGREEMENT RECENTLY CONCLUDED BETWEEN STONY BROOK AND ADAM MICKIEWICZ UNIVERSITY IN POZNAN, PROF. YANG IN HIS BRIEF REMARKS STRESSED THE UTILITY OF CROSS-CULTURAL CONTACTS IN ALL AREAS. QUOTE IT IS ESSENTIAL FOR ALL OF US TO WORK TOGETHER TO PROMOTE FRIENDSHIP AND MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING UNQUOTE, HE SAID.

4. ACTING RECTOR PROF. DR. MIECZYSLAW KLIMOWICZ PRESIDED OVER THE CEREMONY IN THE UNIVERSITY SENATE HALL (SALA SENATU). NUMEROUS SENIOR PROFESSORS, OFFICIALS OF THE UNIVERSITY AND STUDENTS WERE GATHERED THERE, AS WELL AS THE VICE-VOJEWODA (VICE-VOJEWODA) OF WROCLAW. REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PRESS INCLUDING RADIO AND TELEVISION COVERED THE EVENT EXTENSIVELY.

5. DR. YANG'S GOOD FRIEND AND FELLOW PHYSICIST PROF. DR. JAN LOPUSZANSKI WHO HAS WORKED TOGETHER WITH YANG AT STONY BROOK HAD THE HONOR OF REVIEWING FOR THE AUDIENCE THE NOBEL PRIZE WINNER'S UNIQUE SCIENTIFIC ACHIEVEMENTS. PROF. LOPUSZANSKI THEN READ THE OFFICIAL CITATION AND CONFERRED THE DEGREE ON DR. YANG. FOLLOWING THE CEREMONY RECTOR KLIMOWICZ HOSTED A RECEPTION FOR PROF. YANG AS WELL AS A FORMAL DINNER IN HIS HONOR.

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